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Kenya to expand U.S. access to bases

WASHINGTON, June 27 (Agencies) — Kenya has agreed to expand U.S. access to its military facilities in exchange for increased military and economic aid, the State Department announced today. Notes were exchanged yesterday in Nairobi, but details of the agreement remain to be worked out in further discussions, spokesman David Passage said. The Carter administration is running into difficulty, meanwhile, completing arrangements with Somalia for use of facilities there. A third agreement, with Oman, was announced earlier in the month. The overall purpose is to allow a buildup of American military power in the region. The revolution in Iran in February 1979 and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in late December caused concern within the Carter administration. U.S. warships make frequent calls at the Kenya port of Mombasa, but the United States was also seeking an expansion of supply facilities to service ships operating in the Indian Ocean.

Harbury breaks plot to kill leaders

ISBURY, June 27 (R) — Zimbabwe security officers had a plot aimed at blowing up the country's new leaders and presidents and prime ministers at the independence celebrations two months ago, the minister of state in the president's office, Mr. Emmerson Mnangagwa, said today. Two heat-seeking air-to-air missiles and a variety of explosive devices containing several hundred kilos of plastic explosives were displayed at a press conference. Mr. Mnangagwa said all the explosives were seized when a one-tonne lorry was stopped near to Harbury on April 16, the eve of independence. He said the lorry came from South Africa and was driven by whites. The plot was said to be organised by rightwing extremists who left the former Rhodesia before independence and assembled weapons in South Africa. He said that part of the plot involved packing explosives into the stadium where the main independence celebrations were being held.

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Arrest several on suspicion of killing agent Israelis question every man West Bank refugee camp

TEL AVIV, June 27 (Agencies) — Israeli forces interrogated several men in a Palestinian refugee camp in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday after the arrest of several of them on suspicion of murdering an Israeli intelligence agent, military spokesmen said today. The agent, Mr. Moshe Golan, was shot on Wednesday inside a tent in the occupied West Bank. A military spokesman said that in two tent camps, all the men in the area were taken from their tents and small groups and questioned. The camps were closed to the public and the nearby bus station was closed. The curfew was lifted early in the morning. The circumstances of his murder are being investigated. The circumstances of his murder are being investigated.

Regional Briefs

TEL AVIV, June 27 (R) — The Israeli opposition Labour Party won an absolute parliamentary majority if elections were held, according to a public opinion poll published today in the paper Haaretz. Labour would take 63 of the 120 Knesset seats with the ruling Likud Party getting only 25. The poll, however, is not officially scheduled until November 1981, but next week the Knesset will vote on a private bill to bring them forward to next January. No party has held an absolute parliamentary majority in Israel's 32-year history.

IRAN, June 27 (R) — Twenty-one people, including four women, were executed in different parts of Iran today. Thirteen were executed in Mashhad, the capital of Khorasan province in north-east Iran, for narcotics offences. Three of them, including a man charged with running a brothel, were also found guilty of offences while several were said to have been in illegal possession of arms. The other eight executions took place in Ahwaz, one of the oil-producing provinces of Khuzestan, in south-west Iran. His group included three women, all condemned for alleged drug and related crimes. Two of the five men were said to be charged with having crossed the border from that country with arms, and to have carried out acts of sabotage. Two men, including a physician, were alleged to have taken part in releasing prisoners being held in the Ahwaz prison camp. During which several people were killed. They were also charged with having taken part in violence earlier this year at Jomour University, also in Ahwaz. Another man had been charged with attempting to destroy government property, participating in clandestine political activities and having illicit relations with a married woman.

TEL AVIV, June 27 (R) — Workers at the Israeli nuclear station in the southern Negev Desert, said today they would go on strike and halt all work at the plant unless the government met their demands. Members of the plant's work-committee began a sit-in strike at the office of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, saying he had refused to meet representatives to discuss their claims. The workers began their dispute one day ago, although the nature of their claims has never been made clear. The Dimona reactor is officially described as a research station and was built with French assistance more than 15 years ago. Another smaller nuclear reactor is located at Nahal Azek, south of Tel Aviv. The chairman of the workers committee, Mr. Meir Elkayam, told reporters today that the government had broken existing labour agreements and had refused to negotiate since the dispute began.

TEL AVIV, June 27 (R) — Beirut airport technicians today said their strike for one week and activity was gradually returning to normal. A spokesman for the strikers said Public Works and Port Minister Butros Harb had promised to raise their wages for better conditions at the cabinet's weekly session next week. The airport strike began yesterday and a decision on whether to observe another stoppage or not will be taken next day in the light of the government position on the demands, a spokesman added. The cabinet earlier this week approved the demands, but this was considered unacceptable.

CAIRO, June 27 (AP) — The commander of the Egyptian navy today said that France would supply Egypt with modern missile gunboats and sea coast protection. In a statement to the state news agency, Admiral Mohammed Ali Mohamoud did not specify the type of missiles, their cost or their delivery. He said he had signed an agreement during a recent visit to France whereby Egypt would be "supplied with up-to-date missile gunboats and for coastal protection." He said the "due here soon" would "raise the standard of the Egyptian navy."

KUWAIT, June 27 (R) — Kuwait today accused the superpowers of provoking disorder and said Gulf oil producers would resist any attempt at foreign intervention, according to a statement in an Arabian magazine. "The superpowers who incite trouble and again make serious threats and land troops or occupy oil wells, must also realise that the rightful owners will defend their rights with whatever force they possess," Kuwait Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah told the weekly newspaper Al-Iraqa. He did not name the superpowers, but in the view, quoted by the official Saudi Press Agency, the minister said that the United States had granted the use of its military facilities to the United States for the use of its military facilities will not bring the region security but it is an invitation to chaos and anarchy," Sheikh Sabah said.

der and details of the investigation were kept secret, but, according to foreign reports, it appeared that he was involved in intelligence activities in the West Bank.

In Damascus, the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) yesterday claimed responsibility for the killing of the Israeli counter-intelligence agent.

A statement issued by the front said one of its groups operating "within the occupied homeland" ambushed the agent and shot him dead.

It was in retaliation for the death of Taghrid Butme, a girl student who died on Monday after being shot by Israeli police in Bethlehem last week. The PFLP had said the girl was a member of the front, adding that the "blood of the martyr" would be avenged.

In its statement, the front pledged to "continue escalating the armed people's struggle against the racist entity."

Angola to seek outside help to repulse invasion

UNITED NATIONS, June 27 (Agencies) — Angola served notice today that it would call for outside military help if its forces were unable to repulse an alleged invasion by South African troops.

The chief Angolan delegate to the United Nations, Mr. Elisio de Figueiredo, told a press conference in New York today that fierce fighting was raging in two southern Angolan provinces. An estimated 6,000 South African troops had inflicted heavy casualties since they crossed the border from neighbouring South West Africa (Namibia) on Monday.

South Africa today denied it was carrying out a massive invasion of Angola. Foreign Minister P. W. Botha said South Africa had not committed aggression against Angola and harboured no aggressive intentions against the Angolan people.

He said a small South African combat team with some air support had been in southern Angola carrying out operations against SWAPO. They had now commenced their return to base and advance elements crossed the border back into Namibia.

South Africa announced on June 13 it had carried out a cross-border raid into Angola the previous week losing 16 of its own forces and killing more than 200 South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) guerrillas.

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His Majesty King Hussein is welcomed back home at Amman airport by His Highness Crown Prince Hassan upon the monarch's return Friday from an official visit to the United States and a private visit to the United Kingdom.

Hussein returns home after U.S., U.K. visits

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor today returned home from London following a private visit to the United Kingdom and an official visit to the United States, during which His Majesty held talks with U.S. President Jimmy Carter and top American officials.

During his talks in Washington, King Hussein informed American leaders on the Jordanian view, which represents the Arab stand, with regard to principles and conditions for a comprehensive and just peace in the Middle East.

On their way home King Hussein and Queen Noor paid a private visit to the United Kingdom during which His Majesty met with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for talks on the international situation, especially the Middle East issue.

Their Majesties were met at Amman airport by His Highness Prince Mohammad, His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and a number of royal family members. They were also received by the prime minister, the speaker of the Upper House of parliament, the chief of the royal court, the president of the National Consultative Council, the court minister, cabinet members and top officials. The British and Swiss ambassadors and the U.S. charge d'affaires were also present to receive their Majesties.

The chief chamberlain, Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, and the commander in chief of the armed forces, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, also returned with His Majesty the King.

African aides accuse Israel of mass murder of Palestinians

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, June 27 (Agencies) — African foreign ministers today accused Israel of mass murder of the Palestinian people and condemned the Camp David accords between the United States, Egypt and Israel.

Informed sources said agreement was reached on Middle East resolutions early today after a grueling debate yesterday by the drafting committees of the OAU ministerial council. The resolutions will go before the full council and then before next week's summit of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

The draft resolution did not mention the Camp David accords but condemned "all partial agreements and separate treaties which violate the recognised national rights of the Palestinian people."

It said such agreements "contradict the principles of a comprehensive solution to the Middle East issue and impede the establishment of a just peace in the area."

The ministers expressed concern at the "explosive situation" in the Middle East which, they said, was caused by the continued Israeli occupation of Arab lands and the denial of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

They attacked what they called continued Israeli aggression against Lebanon and Palestinian refugee camps "while following policies of mass murder and discrimination against the Palestinian people."

The draft resolution said Israeli policy in defiance of United Nations resolutions constituted a serious threat to peace in the Middle East and the world.

The resolution urged the international community and the U.N. Security Council to put pressure on Israel to compel it to end "its occupation of Palestine and other Arab lands."

Iran's transition to a fully Islamic society, he bitterly denounced the radical Mujahedin organisation and other leftist groups. The Mujahedin last night announced they were temporarily closing down their more than 30 offices across the country to "avoid any form of confusion and unnecessary shedding of innocent blood."

Meanwhile, President Bani-Sadr and his clerical rivals within the Revolutionary Council have come to terms to avoid an open rift, according to outlines of an agreement published here.

Muslim hardliners have been pushing for some months for a purge of government offices. Two deputy foreign ministers resigned earlier this year, complaining of an un-Islamic atmosphere in their ministry, and the foreign press director at the national guidance (information) ministry was sacked recently after charging that 95 per cent of personnel there were left over from the Shah period.

Ayatollah Khomeini, who has been much more vocal after recovering from a spell in hospital at the beginning of the year, has already called this month for a purge of radio and television and appointed a panel to supervise Islamic reforms in education. In an outburst only two days ago against alleged opponents of

Says Israel pursues 'Greater Israel' policy Moscow charges Camp David makes ME peace more remote

UNITED NATIONS, June 27 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union charged today that the U.S.-initiated Camp David accords had made prospects for a Middle East peace more remote, as the Israelis pursued a "Greater Israel" policy.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Oleg Troyanovsky, told the Security Council that the presidential election campaign in the U.S. had encouraged further support by the Carter administration for Israel. After Camp David, the U.S. was trying to create a network of

Middle East bases, two of which, in Egypt and Oman, were used in "the Iran adventure," he said, referring to the aborted attempt to rescue the American hostages in Iran.

Mr. Troyanovsky, who was speaking in the resumed meeting on the Jerusalem question, said the American aim was to make the Middle East its sphere of influence.

He urged the council to react decisively to Israel's latest moves to annex occupied Jerusalem, and claim the whole city as its national capital.

Mr. Donald Mills, chief delegate of Jamaica, another speaker today, said the Israeli government ought to change its policies and its attitude towards the U.N. On the question of Jerusalem, such a change was long overdue, he said.

Mr. Kasuku Mutukwa of Zambia spoke of a frantic attempt to "Judaize" Jerusalem through annexation and the promulgation of the claim it was the national capital. Access to the city was highly restrictive, contrary to "Israeli propaganda."

Mr. Halim Ali of Malaysia said the council was all too familiar with Israeli intransigence.

In the strongest terms, Malaysia opposed Israel's illegal actions in Jerusalem which could only prolong the Middle East peace process. The latest move by the Knesset to declare Al Quds Al Sharif (the Arabic name for Jerusalem) as Israel's capital and preparations to move the prime minister's office to occupied Jerusalem was an affront to millions of Muslims, who held the entire city sacred, Mr. Ali said.

The United States, which is trying to revive Israeli-Egyptian talks on autonomy for Palestinians in the occupied territories, has not spoken in the Jerusalem debate.

Israel outlines security plan for West Bank, Gaza

TEL AVIV, June 27 (R) — An Israeli newspaper published today what it described as Israel's security plan for the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip if Palestinian autonomy is established in these areas.

The Yediot Aharanot newspaper said the proposals had been worked out by senior government and army officials and would be presented to Egypt and the U.S. when talks between the three countries, broken off in April, were resumed.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Menachem Begin declined to comment on the Yediot Aharanot article.

The plan stated that Israeli troops would withdraw from some areas of the West Bank and Gaza. But they would retain control of major roads and approaches to Arab towns.

They would also have free movement through the regions without needing prior permission from the autonomous authority. Israel would keep control of air corridors over the areas.

The autonomy talks failed to make progress after 11 months of negotiations. Security was one of the main areas of disagreement between Israel and Egypt.

The heads of the three negotiating teams met in Washington next week to discuss renewing the talks.

Special to the Jordan Times

UNITED NATIONS, June 27 — Following is the draft resolution on Israeli practices in occupied Jerusalem to be presented on Monday to the Security Council by Jordan, Pakistan and other members of the Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO):

THE SECURITY COUNCIL

HAVING considered the letter of May 28, 1980 from the representative of Pakistan, the current chairman of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, as contained in Document S/13966 of May 28, 1980,

BEARING in mind the specific status of Jerusalem and in particular the need for protection and preservation of the unique spiritual and religious dimensions of the Holy Places in the city,

REAFFIRMING its resolutions relevant to the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem, in particular Resolutions: 252 (1968) of May 21, 1968; 267 (1969) of July 3, 1969; 271 (1969) of Sept. 15, 1969; 298 (1971) of Sept. 25, 1971 and 465 (1980) of March 1, 1980,

REAFFIRMING that acquisition of territory by military conquest is inadmissible,

RECALLING the Fourth Geneva Convention of Aug. 12, 1949 relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war,

DEPLORING the persistence of Israel, the occupying power, to change the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem,

GRAVELY concerned over the legislative steps initiated in the Israeli Knesset with the aim of changing the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem,

1. CONDEMNS the continued refusal of Israel, the occupying power to comply with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly.
2. RECONFIRMS that all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying power, which purport to alter the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem have no legal validity and constitute a flagrant violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war and also constitute a serious obstruction to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East.
3. REITERATES that all measures which have altered the geographic, demographic and historical character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem are null and void and must be rescinded in compliance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council.
4. URGENTLY CALLS on Israel, the occupying power, to abide by this and previous Security Council resolutions and to desist forthwith from persisting in the policy and measures affecting the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem.
5. REAFFIRMS the overriding necessity to end the prolonged occupation of Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem.
6. DECIDES to meet in order to review the situation, in the event of non-compliance by Israel, to adopt effective measures under the relevant provisions under the U.N. charter without excluding Article 39 paragraph 4 thereof.

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bureaucratic apparatus left by the Shah is still intact. Much ministry stationery still bears the old letterheads, sometimes crudely blacked out.

Ayatollah Khomeini said: "We still have bureaucracy. Our country is still a monarchy."

He said those in charge of government offices were Islamic but acted carelessly, while the government was occupied with other matters. He suggested that if the authorities could not change the situation they should resign.

Muslim hardliners have been pushing for some months for a purge of government offices. Two deputy foreign ministers resigned earlier this year, complaining of an un-Islamic atmosphere in their ministry, and the foreign press director at the national guidance (information) ministry was sacked recently after charging that 95 per cent of personnel there were left over from the Shah period.

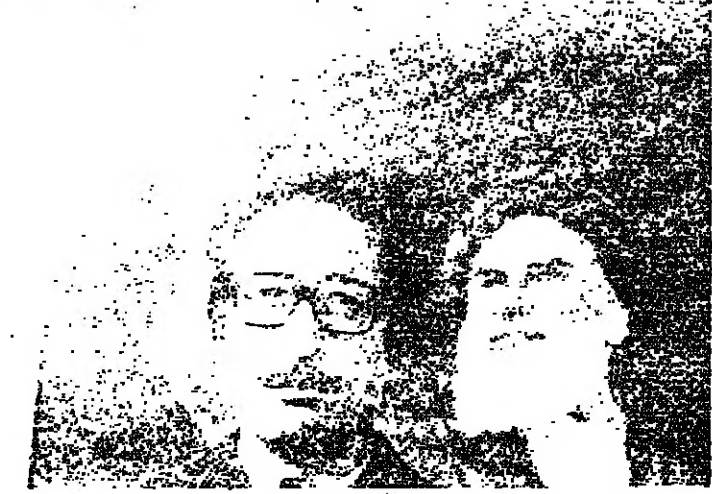
The pro-Bani-Sadr newspaper Islamic Revolution yesterday published the main points of the accord which it said was reached at a meeting of the Revolutionary Council two days ago.

The agreement followed a major political row sparked off when the same newspaper published tape-recorded conversations in which Dr. Hassan Ayat, a leader of the clergy-dominated Islamic Republican Party (IRP), appeared to be scheming to undermine the president.

The accord, as summarised by Islamic Revolution, recorded several apparent successes for President Bani-Sadr in his struggle to establish government authority, including an affirmation that law must be enforced by the legal body concerned. It said notably that "Muslim youths" while they should not be treated as pawns, could not "make decisions in lieu of the deciding authorities."

While this phrase could be taken to cover the radical Muslim students holding the U.S. embassy hostages, political sources said it appeared unlikely to have any immediate effect on the hostage issue, which is now in the hands of parliament.

Islamic Revolution said the agreement among the 13 Revolutionary Council members had been reached to put paid to the idea that certain political factions had "started a war with the president in order to capture power" and to prevent differences worsening. The accord called for efforts to set up an "Islamic Front." Both the Bani-Sadr camp and IRP leaders have suggested in the past the creation of an umbrella organisation of single party but both have tended to see it as dominated by themselves.



Khomeini's upper hand: Blessing or chop?

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Arab oil states will ease prices on Arab sales

KUWAIT, June 27 (R) — The Arab foreign and economy ministers' conference to be held in Amman July 6 will be the scene of an announcement that Arab oil producing countries will sell crude oil to other Arab states at concessionary prices, according to a Kuwaiti newspaper.

The daily *Al Qabas* quoting responsible sources here, said the decision, which was taken unanimously, was part of a long-term Arab strategy. It did not name the countries which would qualify for the concessionary oil sale.

Of 21 Arab states Djibouti, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Somalia, Sudan, North Yemen and South Yemen have no oil and pay for their supplies at prices fixed by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Jordan had recently advocated special oil prices for non-oil producing Arab states.

Yarmouk U. graduates first class today

IRBID, June 27 (JNA) — Yarmouk University's first class of students will graduate here Saturday at a ceremony under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein.

King Hussein will deliver an address during the ceremony and will distribute diplomas and prizes. He will also award two honorary doctorates: one to His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and one to Pakistani Nobel Prize winner Dr. Abdus Salam.



Dr. Abdus Salam

Prince Hassan's degree, in economics, comes in recognition of the important role he plays in formulating Jordan's socio-economic development plans. Dr. Abdus Salam, who received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1972, will be honoured with a doctorate in science for his achievements in nuclear physics and his contribution to research on scientific and educational policies of Pakistan and other developing countries.

Olympic shooting team set sights high



Team line up on the shooting range. Left to right: Mohammad Jamhour (club manager), Khairi 'Amr, Amir Barakat (captain), Mohammad Shahin, His Highness Prince Mohammad, Saifullah Ghaleb, Nader Shalhoub, Khalid Odeh and Ziad Al Farkh.

Text and photos
By Sara O'Neill
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, June 27 — Of all the thousands of sportsmen and women who will be converging on Moscow for the Olympic Games, at least six competitors have already set something of a record. They have never competed anywhere before in their lives, not even in their own country.

Competing in the Olympics may be the ultimate achievement for most sportsmen, the culmination, perhaps, of decades of harsh training and high-level competition. But for the Jordanian trap shooting team the Olympics are just the beginning.

Nor are they going to Moscow just as a token team representing Jordan in its Olympic debut. No-one in the know about the standard of this extremely expensive, highly demanding sport has any inflated ideas about the team's chances of walking off with a medal, or even a high placing, (though their target-shooting colleagues do have such a chance). But their latest scores are highly commendable, good enough for them to finish somewhere in the middle on the Olympic score-boards.

The Jordanian public and even the government seem for the most part to be totally unaware of the team's existence, let alone of its merits. To set matters right, Mr. Mohammad Jamhour, manager of the Royal Jordanian Shooting Club, the team's sponsor, invited the press along to the club's shooting range today for a display of the team's skill. His Highness Prince Mohammad, the club's president, also came along to observe and discuss the sport. But for some of the guests it was also their first chance to get an idea of what clay pigeon shooting is all about.

As an unexpected bonus, one of the world's former leading exponents of the sport was on hand to comment on the team's ability. Mr. Saifullah Ghaleb, Egyptian champion of the nineteen-forties and fifties, champion of Europe in 1955 and third and fifth in the

world in 1947 and 1954 respectively, has for the last week been providing the team with its first professional training in two years.

"A team has been born this week," enthused his wife Majda who, having observed clay pigeon shooting at the top level for so many years, could accurately pronounce that the team has improved 50 per cent with her husband's guidance.

Prior to Mr. Ghaleb's appearance at the Royal Shooting Club last week the team was being trained by its captain, Mr. Amir Barakat, a local merchant who, although not the best shooter, as he admits himself, has had the advantage of living many years in Egypt and learning from the pros.

The number one marksman in the team is Mr. Khalid Odeh, a Pepsi Cola sales manager who averages over 90 per cent hits. Not far behind him are colleagues Mr. Mohammad Shahin (who has just



The team in practice. In foreground, ace marksman Khalid Odeh takes aim. Waiting their turns (right to left) are Amir Barakat, Khairi 'Amr, Mohammad Shahin and Ziad Al Farkh.

passed the *tawjihi* and is off to study in the U.S.), Mr. Khairi 'Amr, an engineering student at Cornell University, Mr. Ziad Al Farkh, a local businessman and Mr. Nader Shalhoub, owner of the Shepherds Hotel.

Their shooting experience goes back to their childhood, when hunting with his father could be a boy's favourite pastime. As hunting was gradually discouraged (by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature,



A view of the shooting range from above the traps, a present from His Majesty King Hussein, set under the ground 15 metres ahead of the shooting positions.

formed at the same time as the shooting club in 1975) and finally banned last year, they all had to take up shooting at clay pigeons instead.

Mr. Ghaleb has been invaluable in giving the inexperienced competitors moral support as well as hints on technique and, most important of all, on concentration, a vital ingredient when one is aiming with a 12 gauge shotgun at a clay disc ten centimetres in diameter hurtling away into space at a speed of up to 70 kilometres an hour.

Below the ground some 15 metres ahead of the shooters, who stand five to a row in a straight line, are fifteen machines (three for each shooting position) regulated by a computer programme so that at no time can the marksman guess in which direction the clay pigeon will be fired. The human voice shouting "pull" down a microphone is enough, through the aid of an electronic device, to trigger one of the underground machines, each of which is sighted at a different angle, elevation and speed. The marksman has two cartridges to spend on each of his five turns in a team round of 25, with the team rotating positions.

The Jordan team's average is 20 hits out of 25. While there are about six teams in the world that can score 25 out of 25, the Jordanians' average is level with many other international teams, says Mr. Jamhour, who went all the way to the 1979 world champ-



The men behind the Olympic team: His Highness Prince M. President of the Royal Jordanian Shooting Club and Mr. Ghaleb, Egyptian former international sharpshooter.

Cost of living down by 2 per cent in 1

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, June 27 — A bumper crop of vegetables was behind a two per cent drop in the cost of living here during May.

According to the monthly "Cost of Living Index Bulletin" published by the Department of Statistics here yesterday, a 27 per cent decrease in the price of vegetables in May accounted for the largest monthly decline in prices this year.

Overall, the cost of living has gone up by just 1.2 per cent net from the beginning of the year through the end of May.

However, those who are hopeful that the first year of this decade will usher in an era of single-digit inflation for Jordan should take note of the fact that in the first five months of 1979 there was no inflation at all — in fact the cost of living went down by 1.2 per cent. In later months prices surged upward resulting in an 11.7 per cent inflation rate for the calendar year 1979.

Moreover, the latest bulletin indicates that between May 1979 and May 1980, the cost of living increased by 14.4 per cent. That figure is down, though, from the 17.6 per cent inflation rate registered during the 12-month period ending in April of this year.

The cost of living index weights a range of consumer expenditures, including food, clothing, housing and transportation costs, and it calculates the increase or decrease in the average cost of each item from month to month.

The year 1975 is used as a "base year", with an assigned value of 100. The cost of living bulletin indicates that prices in May were 72.5 per cent higher than in the base year.

It has become increasingly apparent in recent months that the

ability to control inflation largely on keeping down the cost of food — which accounts for 40 per cent of consumer expenditures — and of fuel, utility and transportation costs. This trend should be a recession the West is entering.

Most other consumer services have been price stability in recession the West is entering.

The outlook is bright forecasts that international prices will undergo such large 1980 as they did last year, the winter's abnormally low prices of grains, vegetables and, consequently, prices.

Food prices in May 1979 per cent decline level in April, a significant effect of the winter's abnormally low prices of grains, vegetables and, consequently, prices.

The price of vegetables account for more than 40 per cent of the average total expenditures — a sharp 27 per cent last year — the less important fruits, prices went up. The increase in May, which lies below productive months for summer fruit harvest, is increased by 1.2 per cent. Prices of food in other months remained the same or slightly higher.

The prices of all other goods and services stable throughout May except of cigarette prices are government. A ten fill a packet to month resulted in an in their retail price.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: As a result of unrelenting pressure applied by U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie, the statement issued in Ankara Thursday by the NATO foreign ministers was empty of any reference to the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. But Mr. Muskie was not content with his achievement in the conference hall and in the communiqué, and came out to explain to reporters that the issue of Palestinian rights is a matter now under negotiation with Middle East, and therefore it would not be suitable to take a public position in this regard because this might affect the negotiations.

Although this attitude surprised nobody who is involved in the conflict, we believe it points once again to the lack of equilibrium in U.S.-European relations, and poses questions about Europe's ability to make an effective and positive contribution to a solution of the Middle East crisis. For the nine European countries which signed the Venice declaration, and who represent more than half of NATO's membership, were unable to get the nearest reference to the legitimate rights of the Palestinians included in the Ankara communiqué.

Several Arab parties have welcomed the Venice declaration and said they considered it a positive step and an indicator of the important role the European group can play in establishing a just and comprehensive peace in the region. But the same parties may find themselves forced to reconsider the European position, as its value and ability to influence events have been called into question since Europe has failed in the Ankara statement to produce any echo of the language used in that of Venice.

AL DUSTOUR: It was not unexpected that the U.S. opposed a paragraph in the NATO countries' statement on the Middle East providing for the Palestinian right to self-determination, and that it exercised its domination of the alliance to have the paragraph omitted from the statement.

Washington realised that by recognising the Palestinian people's right to self-determination in their land, it would demolish the structure that Israel and the other Camp David parties have built at the expense of that people's cause. This would inevitably mean the collapse of all of Israel's projects in the occupied territories — the settlements, the annexation of Jerusalem and the Judaisation of Arab land and villages. Consequently it would mean the failure of the Camp David attempt to monopolise attempts to reach a settlement.

America's domination of the NATO countries meant the Palestinian people's rights were ignored in the last statement. But the Venice declaration, which stressed these rights, came despite pressure and threats from the U.S., which shows that the world's understanding of Palestinian self-determination is not dictated by the American and Israeli interpretation, and that the question will not be neglected forever.

While we understand the reasons which make the U.S. take such a contrary stand on the Palestinian right to self-determination, which is an indivisible principle, we are confident that this will not always remain the attitude of a superpower which is responsible for international security as well as for its own reputation and standing before the whole world, and which must protect its interests with the Arab nation.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

The French Cultural Centre is holding a documentary exhibition entitled "Des Metiers et Des Hommes." Drawings and photographs of a wide range of human activities are on display; visiting hours are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

The Soviet Cultural Centre presents a photo exhibition on the subject of youth in the Soviet Union. The exhibition will run through June 30, and can be seen from 10 a.m. and 4-8 p.m. at the centre, located near the Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

Films

The French Cultural Centre presents the film "Au Coeur de La Vie" (1962) by Robert Enric, starring Stephan Fey, Roger Jacquet and Anne Cornely, which is an adaptation of a trilogy of stories taking place during the Civil American War: "L'Oiseau Moqueur", "La Bataille de Chickimanga", and "La Riviere du Hibou". The film is in black and white and subtitled in Arabic, and will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at the centre.

The American Centre presents the film "Roaring Through the Twenties", a glimpse of the gaiety and optimism of America in the 1920s. The film will be screened at 8 p.m. at the centre, located near the Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA) — Minister of Finance Saleh Masa'deh returned here today after a visit to Malaysia. Mr. Masa'deh said that during the visit he met with the chief minister of Sarawak state to arrange for the state to provide timber to the Jordan Wood Industries Co. He said they signed an agreement through which the government of Sarawak state will provide the company with raw lumber at prevailing international prices. Mr. Masa'deh added that he also held talks with Malaysian officials on strengthening economic cooperation between Jordan and Malaysia.

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA) — Three people were seriously injured Thursday night as a result of an accident involving five cars near the Holiday Inn hotel, according to *Al Ra'i* newspaper. The newspaper quoting Public Security sources, said that around midnight a Fiat heading for the Third Circle hit a Dodge in front of it. The collision resulted in damage to three other cars parked on the side of the street. The injured were rushed to the hospital.

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA) — The board of directors of the Arab Company for Pharmaceuticals and Medical Supplies will hold a meeting here Saturday. The company's Director General, Dr. Hashem Ismail Al Dhafer, said the board will discuss the establishment of an antibiotics factory in Iraq at the cost of \$130 million, factory for pharmaceutical supplies in Kuwait valued at \$56 million and a third factory for producing medical glass in Damascus.

Finance Minister Saleh Masa'deh speaks with reporter on arrival from Malaysia. He added that it will also discuss the future of the Arab Pharmaceutical Industry. The company is an affiliate of the Council of Arab Economic Unity.

AMMAN, June 27 (JNA) — The Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) will hold its 35th session here July 2. The Secretary General of the CAEU, Dr. Fakiri Qaddouri, said that the secretariat will present a working paper during the ministerial-level meeting on strengthening collective Arab relations and eliminating obstacles to the implementation of collective agreements, especially in economics. Another subject to be put forward for consideration, he added, is that of overland and railway networks for the Arab World. Dr. Qaddouri said the CAEU meeting will also discuss the establishment of an Arab printing facility for postal stamps and other items.

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Damas-Scene

Pat McDonnell and Samir Twair

(Week of June 28 - July 5)

EXHIBITIONS

SUNDAY, July 1: Damascene painter Sharif Muharram will exhibit 20 of his expressionist works for two weeks in the Adham Art Centre. Oils, water-colours and etchings are represented.

WEDNESDAY, July 2: More than 25 reliefs by Palestinian artist Hay Mousallam go on view for two weeks in Ebla Gallery, 100m northwest of the Italian Hospital. A 7 p.m. reception opens the solo show under the patronage of Dr. Najah Attar, Minister of Culture.

Mousallam has won international acclaim as an artist since among his accolades is a documentary on his work made by television. The artist has devised a new technique of painting in the medium of sawdust and glue, which he works as a collage. Mr. Mousallam is a self-taught artist. He was born in Douara Al Khalil and after leaving the occupied territories, supported himself by working as an aeroplane mechanic. He moved to Libya in 1970 and since 1977, he has had three one-man exhibitions in Libya as well as entering his work in collective exhibitions in Spain, Germany and the U.S.S.R. He moved to Damascus a few months ago and this marks his first solo exhibition in the city. Hours: 5 - 8 p.m. daily except Friday.

A photo exhibit featuring "Central Asian Architecture" is on view at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

WEDNESDAY: Water-colours, oils and medallions by Syrian artist Farid Jirios are on view at the French Cultural Centre.

"Samples of Life" is an exhibition of 50 pen and ink sketches by Latakia artist Leyla Nseir on view through the Soviet Cultural Centre.

A memorial exhibition featuring political cartoons of the late Ahmad Aziz Ali is on view at Al Sha'b Gallery. Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily except Friday.

Abstracts, landscapes and primitive Syrian paintings by artist George Genoura can be seen daily in his studio in the area of Damascus. Hours: 5 - 8 p.m. daily except Sunday.

CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, July 2: "Serious Arab Music of the Future" is the title of a 6 p.m. concert in the Cinema Salon of the Soviet Cultural Centre. Fahd Yegen is known widely as a painter, but this evening is singing accompanied by Radwan Rajab on the 'oud. They will



"Ode of Samer" is the title of this relief by Abdel Hay Mousallam, one of 25 works by the Palestinian artist to go on view Wednesday in Ebla Gallery.

perform songs by seven Arab poets including Mahmud Darwish, Samieh Qasem, Nazeen Abu Afach, Tawfiq Zaid and Ali Jundi.

THEATRE

"A Drama of the Statues" is an original play being performed by

the Kuneitra Theatre Group nightly in the Workers' Federation Building, across from the Meridien Hotel. Curtain time is 8 p.m. (in Arabic).

LECTURES

SATURDAY, June 28: Foreign and Syrian experts will discuss "Industrial Problems" at 6 p.m. in the Arab Cultural Centre.

SUNDAY, June 29: The Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour is sponsoring a discussion on programmes for the blind at 6 p.m. in the Arab Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

MONDAY, June 30: Graduating students will discuss their projects at a meeting of the Damascus Planning Institute at 6 p.m. in the Arab Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

*** "Popular Art in Bulgaria" is a talk to be delivered (in Arabic) at 7 p.m. in the Bulgarian Cultural Centre.

WEDNESDAY, July 2: Visiting yoga master Acharya Sudhindra Avadhuta of Benares will give a talk on Tantric yoga at 5 p.m. in the Damascus Community School.

*** Christian Fellowship talks convene at 7 p.m. in the home of Principal Valyn Anderson at Damascus Community School.

FILMS

SATURDAY, June 28: "Serpico," starring Al Pacino, will be shown for the last time at 7 p.m. in the American Cultural Centre.

SATURDAY, June 28 and MONDAY, June 30: "Violette et Francois," a 1976 film directed by Serge Rouffio, will be shown at 8:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. It stars Isabelle Adjani, Jacques Dutronc, Serge Reggiani and Lea Massari (in French, with Arabic sub-titles).

SUNDAY, June 29: "Barbara, the Incurable," a feature film about a professional woman athlete who cannot reconcile her career with personal responsibilities, will be screened at 6:30 p.m. in the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre (in German; Arabic sub-titles).

TUESDAY, July 1: A feature film from Indonesia, entitled "The First Love," will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Arab Cultural Centre (in French; colour).

TUESDAY, July 1 - FRIDAY, July 4: "The Duellists," a 1977 colour film based on a story by Joseph Conrad, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the garden of the British Cultural Centre. The plot



Medallion by Homs artist Farid Jirios, on view along with his oils and watercolours in the French Cultural Centre.

deals with an obsessive relationship during the Napoleonic wars and is a comment on war. Ridley Scott is the director, and the film stars Keith Carradine, Harvey Keitel, Albert Finney and Diana Quick. Tickets may be obtained in advance from the centre library.

WEDNESDAY, July 2: "The Dead Season" is a feature film to be shown in the Lecture Hall of the Soviet Cultural Centre at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, July 3: "La Horse" is the title of a 1973 film directed by Jean Gabin to be shown at 8:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. It stars Jean Gabin, Daniele Asoret, Michel Barbey and Pierre Dux (in French; Arabic sub-titles).

FRIDAY, July 4: "Evening of the First Show" is a feature film to be shown at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

If you have items for the Damas-Scene column, please send them 10 days in advance to Pat McDonnell, P.O. Box 5601, Damascus, or phone them in Damascus to 336-658.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Will be rather warm, with light to moderate winds. In the evening, winds will be northerly and seas calm.

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The high temperature in Amman on Friday was 34, while that in Aqaba was 41.

Bank of Jordan Computerisation Project Invitation for prequalification

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SECOND RACE 4:00 P.M.

FOR BEGINNER HORSES
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Sami Y. Madrous
2. Mamdouh El Hadid
3. Naeel El Khashman
4. Rashid Oudih
5. Khalid El Adwan
6. Suliman El Sanie
7. Ahmad Basbous
8. Ghalib Haddadin
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THIRD RACE 4:30 P.M.

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES
DISTANCE 1,600 METRES

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2. Naeel El Khashman
3. Ghalib Haddadin
4. Sami Haddadin
5. A. El Latif El Hadid
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7. Kittanih & A. El Maseeh
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FOURTH RACE 5:00 P.M.

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

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5. Suliman El Sanie
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9. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil Stable
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FIFTH RACE 5:30 P.M.

FOR SECOND CLASS HORSES
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Economic News Briefs

Japan to curb car exports to U.S.

TOKYO, June 27 (R)—The Japanese government is to take early action to make car manufacturers curb their exports to the United States, informed sources said yesterday. The ministry for international trade and industry will issue an "administrative guidance," probably next week, calling on them to exercise thorough restraint, they said.

Japan's largest vehicle maker Toyota said the car companies would have to accept the government decision. Executives of Toyota and other leading auto makers will be summoned separately to hear the decision, which the ministry had earlier issued indirectly through their manufacturers' association, the sources said.

The decision aims at countering mounting U.S. criticism of Japanese car sales on the American market, totalling 2.2 million in the year ending last March. The small, low fuel consumption models have captured some 22 per cent of the U.S. market while sales of the mainly large cars of U.S. manufacturers have slumped. Toyota countered in a statement press reports that it was in favour of moves to curb exports through a voluntary pact by companies. It said this could be considered a violation of the U.S. anti-trust laws and that any pact would have to be on a government basis.

New company to protect coffee export prices

PANAMA CITY, June 27 (AP)—Eight Latin American countries, which produce almost two-thirds of the coffee consumed by the rest of the world, have set up a \$500 million international corporation to protect the export price of the bean, a source within the group who asked anonymity said. The source said the agreement was signed Wednesday, after 24 hours of negotiations between representatives of the coffee institutes or agencies of El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil and Guatemala.

The new corporation has been named Panacafe-Productores Asociados with a capital of \$500 million subscribed with capital from the coffee regulating agencies of the eight countries, also known as the Bogota Group. In some of the countries, these are private. In others, they are entirely state-owned, and mixed in others.

The source said Panacafe-Productores Asociados will replace the coffee stabilisation fund the Bogota Group set up last August at a meeting in the Colombian capital by the same name.

The fund, with a capital of \$140 million bought up excess coffee from the eight countries to keep the price from falling, and later sold it on the international market when the price was right, turning a \$200 million profit in its 11-month existence.

The source said Panacafe-Productores Asociados, which will

substitute the institute, has a larger operating capital and will have greater scope in trading on the international market.

Philippines 1980 oil bill may reach \$2.6b

MANILA, June 27 (R)—The Philippines may have to spend \$2.6 billion on oil imports during 1980, \$1.0 billion more than last year, a Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) spokesman said today.

The forecast followed the latest round of price increases by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), although so far only Iraq had advised the PNOC of a two-dollar a barrel increase effective on July 1.

"We feel that the cost could go to \$2.6 billion this year, assuming our suppliers go to \$32 a barrel," the spokesman said. "The only thing which could pull it down would be if Saudi Arabia staggers its increases." Saudi Arabia is the Philippines' main oil supplier. It also imports oil from Indonesia, Kuwait, China and Malaysia.

Although the Philippines aimed to keep domestic consumption steady at around 82 million barrels this year, a slowdown in production from domestic fields meant that imports this year would probably be between 79 and 80 million barrels, compared with between 74 and 75 million last year.

Gold price rises again

LONDON, June 27 (R)—The price of gold today jumped to its highest levels since March, trading at more than \$630 an ounce on European bullion markets. It rose against a background of anxiety about the international political situation, dealers said, but technical factors were more immediate reasons for the increase.

Although nowhere near the feverish record heights of \$875 an ounce reached at the start of the year, gold has been creeping upwards from the \$500 to \$520 level at which it stabilised in May.

This is partly because of declining interest rates in the United States which boosted the dollar as an investment when they were at

their peak. Since they have dropped back, gold has reappeared as a good investment, dealers said.

There have also been rumours of possible shortages in the future of gold supplies, especially if South Africa, the main supplier, withholds some of its gold to control the flow onto the markets.

In Zurich today, however, Swiss bankers expressed scepticism about reports that South Africa might withhold significant amounts of gold from the market because of its more favourable balance of payments position.

Gold pool sources there said they believe South Africa could not refrain from selling for more

Consortium to review India's weak economic performance

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP)—India's economic performance during 1979 and the first part of 1980 deteriorated, with a decline in agricultural and industrial production, the World Bank said yesterday. After four years of impressive growth, Gross National Product (GNP) fell by about three per cent, it said. Agriculture suffered as a result of drought, and shortage of power and diesel oil, the bank added.

Triggered by shortages, world inflation and the drought, the general price level rose at a considerably faster rate than at any time since 1973-74. The import bill rose due to domestic scarcities and world inflation, in particular due to the rise in petroleum prices.

Growth in export earnings was modest and the trade deficit grew to become the largest in India's history. Foreign exchange reserves which had risen continuously since the mid-seventies

started to decline in the early part of 1980. This was summarised in a survey prepared by the World Bank for the consortium that provides India with economic assistance.

Representatives of governments and institutions in the consortium will meet in Paris under the chairmanship of the World Bank on July 3-4.

Members of the India consortium include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the United States, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Meanwhile, the World Bank announced yesterday the approval of a \$108 million loan to Nigeria for a highway project. The bank said the loan will assist in alleviating some critical weaknesses in the road planning, design, construction and maintenance activities of the federal highway authorities.

A serviceable road network is a basic requirement for the realisation of Nigeria's agricultural and industrial potential, it said.

On the other hand, a number of Kuwait banks and investment companies have finalised plans to set up a new \$50 million bank, named the Kuwait and Asia Bank.

The bank, to be based in Bahrain, is primarily aimed at recycling part of Kuwait petrodollar investments to South-East Asia and Far East countries, the sources said that did not wish to be identified said.

The venture is also aimed at the geographical diversification of Kuwait investments through tapping new areas with promising economic growth rates, the sources added.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATE

LONDON, June 27 (R)—Following are the buying rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar, trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets.

One sterling	2.3465/80	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.1490/93	Canadian dollar
	1.7640/50	West German mark
	1.9318/28	Dutch guilder
	1.6275/90	Swiss franc
	28.24/26	Belgian franc
	4.8960/75	French franc
	839.00/842.00	Italian lire
	217.30/45	Japanese yen
	4.1575/98	Swedish krona
	4.8425/45	Norwegian krone
	5.4710/35	Danish krone
One ounce of gold	637.00/639.00	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, June 27 (R)—Gold shares advanced in the morning, reflecting the higher bullion price, but otherwise ended on a quiet note and at 1500 the FT index was 462.3, dealers said.

Government bonds rallied from initial falls after England announced fresh measures to relieve tight money conditions, dealers added. Closing losses of 1/4 point on against half a point in early trading. Equities shed in GEC, while North American issues were narrow. Ferranti closed 15p down at 580 after 570 fall. Reports that the government plans to place the national board's Ferranti shares widely around the market. O strong despite early profit-taking, with Lasso and Tui and 12p higher respectively. BP eased 6p but other big gains of up to 5p.

Against the general trend in equities, Barclays added 2p apiece, but Tube Investments, which amount time working for 4,000 mainly domestic appliances, 6p falls of 4p or 6p were registered against Thorn. Recal.

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Thais deny starting conflict with Viets

BANGKOK, June 27 (R) — Thailand today denied Vietnamese charges that Thai forces started this week's hostilities on the Thai-Kampuchean border, and said it had been promised increased military aid from the United States.

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach, in an interview with the Bangkok Post newspaper published today, said the Thai army had crossed into Kampuchea in support of anti-Phnom Penh guerrillas smuggled in under a voluntary repatriation programme.

He said the Thai Army had covered the infiltration with air strikes, artillery and armour and had pushed six kilometres into Kampuchea on a front 20 to 30 kilometres wide.

The Thai spokesman, Major General Korboon Phattana-thabutr, told reporters: "The Thai military completely rejects as lies charges by Vietnam that Thai forces crossed into Kampuchean territory together with the refugees."

He said the repatriation operation, which started on June 16 and enraged Hanoi and the government it backs in Phnom Penh, was run jointly with the United Nations and it would be impossible for a Thai incursion into Kampuchea to go unnoticed.

Most of the nearly 9,000 refugees who returned from Thai camps went to a stronghold of guerrillas loyal to the ousted Khmer Rouge government that lies just south of the Thai frontier town of Aranyaprathet.

The stronghold, known as Phnom Malai, appears to be the next target of Vietnamese-led troops who thrust into Thailand Monday and Tuesday.

Military sources said units were moving on Phnom Malai in what appeared to be preparations to launch an attack.

The numbers of volunteers from a Khmer Rouge-dominated refugee camp going back to Phnom Malai dropped dramatically yesterday, to 124 from well over 1,000 in previous days.

U.N. officials said it was not clear whether Khmer Rouge cadres had called a halt to the

repatriations, which continued unabated as the fighting raged farther north, or whether all the people who wanted to go had left.

Vietnamese-led troops were also moving on two other Khmer Rouge bases, military sources said.

The most serious movements appeared to be against a Khmer Rouge base area in northern Kampuchea, just south of the northeastern Thai border, where it appeared the Vietnamese-led troops were trying to get between the Khmer Rouge and the Thai border. Several clashes had been reported, but no details were available, the sources said.

In Kuala Lumpur, Thailand's foreign minister, Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila, told reporters that U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie had prom-

ised Thailand increased military aid.

"Very soon we can expect to see many American arms-supply planes coming into Bangkok," the Thai foreign minister said.

Mr. Muskie is in Malaysia to confer with the United States' Southeast Asian allies in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), who have ended a two-day meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

The foreign ministers of the five ASEAN nations are now conferring separately with ministers of the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Canada.

The outbreak of fighting along the Thai-Kampuchean border added an air of crisis to what was to have been a symbolic show of support for ASEAN by Mr. Muskie.

Red Cross aides, newsmen believed held by Vietnamese

BANGKOK, June 27 (R) — A Red Cross official today appealed to visiting Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach for the safety of two Red Cross workers believed held by Vietnamese-led troops on the Thai-Kampuchean border, a spokesman said.

The two representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), a Frenchman and a Briton, went missing yesterday along with two American newsmen in a border food distribution centre abandoned by some 50,000 Kampuchean after fighting early this week.

Relief agency sources said the four men were seen to approach Vietnamese troops in the centre, which straddles the frontier near the Thai border village of Nong Chan 280 kilometres east of here.

The letter was handed over at the Vietnamese embassy where Mr. Thach was staying for a stopover on his way home from an official visit to Indonesia. He later left for Hanoi.

The ICRC men were named as Frenchman Pierre Perrin, the medical coordinator on the frontier, and Robert Ashe, 27, who earlier this month was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for his work among refugees.

Mr. Ashe ran the distribution centre which started late last year. The food it poured down a "human land bridge" of oxcarts, bicycles and people was credited with saving thousands from starvation in hungry Kampuchea.

The American newsmen were named as Richard Franken and George Lienemann of the Bangkok-based Lensman photography agency.

The ICRC spokesman said that Red Cross officials in Hanoi and Phnom Penh would also make representations to the governments there in a bid to establish the whereabouts of the missing men.

Dutch cabinet save -- by 2-vote margin

THE HAGUE, June 27 (R) — The future of the Dutch government doubt today after it narrowly survived a parliamentary censure motion.

Prime Minister Andreas van Agt's centre-right cabinet scraped through on a 74-72 vote at dawn, after a marathon debate on its refusal to impose a unilateral oil boycott against South Africa.

The opposition leader and former Prime Minister, Mr. Joop den Uyl, who submitted the censure motion, said: "This long night has shown clearly that the cabinet's future is hanging by a thread."

Earlier in the debate, 13 deputies from the left wing of Mr. van Agt's Christian Democratic Party (CDA), helped to defeat the government by voting for an oil embargo because of South Africa's apartheid policy.

The government has said it favours an embargo, but that unilateral action would have insufficient impact without the support of the Netherlands' partners in the European Economic Community (EEC).

Parliament adjourned today for the summer recess, but when ministers return from holiday they will face the difficult task of piloting an austerity budget through the chamber in September.

The coalition government, which took power with an overall majority of two seats 30 months ago, has been under fire from Parliament over a series of issues.

Elections are not due until next May, but political sources said they expected pressure on the cabinet to build up during debates preceding the 1981 budget, which is likely to propose income cuts for most Dutch workers.

The leftist dissidents almost toppled the government last December before agreeing to support its wait-and-see policy on the provision of Dutch bases for NATO's new nuclear missiles.

The government will be weakened further in October when Defence Minister Willem Scholten resigns to become vice president of the Council of State, the country's highest legal appeals body.

The issue of a unilateral oil embargo is largely symbolic, as South Africa imports only a tiny fraction of its oil from the Netherlands.

But during the debate, Mr. van Agt promised fresh initiatives to bring about an international embargo.

He said that ministers would begin talks soon aimed at enlisting

the support of Belgium, Luxembourg, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and perhaps Finland.

In Copenhagen, a normally reliable foreign ministry source told Reuters today that he expected Denmark would fully back an embargo.

In Oslo, a government spokesman said Norway believed that an embargo could be imposed only on the basis of a United Nations Security Council resolution.

Mr. van Agt told here that his government would signal its abhorrence of apartheid by making it a condition of any South African visit to the Netherlands to have increasing aid to black states to make them economically self-sufficient.

Africa, and by opposing racial cultural treaties.

World News Briefs

LIVERPOOL, England, June 27 (AP) — Police Thursday massive dragnet for drug smugglers who staged a daring "wall" raid on a Liverpool customs warehouse to steal marijuana haul worth an estimated \$2 million from under agents' noses. Police sources reported the raiders tunneled the brick wall of the supposedly secure building on the River Wednesday night, bypassing the burglar alarm and cutting wire cage. The raid turned the tables on customs as impounded crates marked "household goods" after they from the Caribbean without papers two weeks ago.

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe, June 27 (AP) — More than a international isolation comes to a close Tuesday when Zimbabwe first high commissioners and ambassadors take up their foreign missions. During the 14 years of rebellion against the Crown by the white-minority government of Ian Smith, diplomatic links of the country then called Rhodesia, a white-ruled South Africa. Now about 40 diplomats of independent Zimbabwe are to be posted to London; Brussels; Ni the Tanzanian capital of Dar es Salaam; the Ethiopian capital Ababa; and the Mozambique capital, Maputo.

TOKYO, June 27 (AP) — Vietnam's Supreme Court Thursday sentenced Mr. Hoang Van Hoon, former politburo member of the Communist Party, to death in absentia for high treason. Radio said in a broadcast monitored in Tokyo. The 75-year Hoon defected to China last July while he was on his way Germany for medical treatment. He entered China via Ka-por in Pakistan. Mr. Hoon, one of the founding members of the Communist Party, had been known for his pro-Chinese and was believed the first high Vietnamese official to defect.

PARIS, June 27 (AP) — A bomb caused extensive damage to the headquarters here of the Movement against Racism Among People (MRAP). There were no casualties immediate claim of responsibility but MRAP President Albi said he suspected the bombers were extreme rightists motivated by his organisation's protests over anti-Algerian racism in France.

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada June 27 (AP) — A bomb exploded in eight days, killed at least one man early Thursday politically troubled former British colony. The government blamed the United States. Government radio, the only state eastern Caribbean island, charged that "a bomb was ferried made by a CIA imperialist agent...to blow up a major bridge 32 kilometres northwest of St. George's. The broadcast elaborate. The blast apparently did no damage to the bridge, but a bomb blast on June 19 in which three were killed at than 20 injured, the Marxist oriented government blamed it," but avoided directly implicating the United States Minister Maurice Bishop and other officials escaped injury when the bomb exploded near an open-air pavilion on which were standing.

2 slain in Guatemala C U.N. aides still captiv

GUATEMALA CITY, June 27 (AP) — Two Guatemalan labour leaders were kidnapped by unidentified gunmen Thursday night, tortured and shot, according to a police spokesman.

The spokesman identified the two victims as Jose Emilio Escobar Barrios, 34, and Maria Adelaida Gonzalez, 39, both leaders of the Guatemala Social Security Institute Workers' Union. He said the two were dragged from their homes by unidentified, heavily armed men.

Their bodies, showing signs of torture and with multiple bullet wounds, were found abandoned in an empty vehicle in the northern section of the Guatemalan capital, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, two U.N. seized at gunpoint here are still captive but have been harmed, according to reaching U.N. headquarters New York.

A U.N. statement said World Health Organisation officials were abducted by the men who entered the Nutrition for Central America.

The abductors were believed to be members of a leftist group.

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Basque bombs stir rightist backlash

MADRID, June 27 (R) — Basque separatist beach bombers today struck at Spain's key Mediterranean tourist trade for the fifth time this week amid signs of a growing right-wing backlash in the Basque country itself.

Nobody was injured in the latest explosion set off just before dawn by the ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty) guerrilla organisation in the garden of a state-owned hotel at Javea — scene of three earlier blasts on Wednesday.

So far, the impact of the new ETA bombing campaign has been largely psychological, with nobody hurt and only limited material damage.

The government, which has refused to give in to ETA's demands for the release of 19 Basque prisoners and the sacking of a director of a prison where many of them were held, fears the campaign will frighten foreign tourists away just as the peak holiday period is starting.

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ETA's political-military wing set off 14 bombs in coastal resorts at the same time last summer, and officials admit that this contributed to the drop in tourist entries in 1979.

As the authorities waited nervously for new ETA warnings, an extreme right-wing organisation claimed responsibility for exploding

a bomb yesterday at the tourist office in Biarritz, a seaside resort in the French Basque country.

The Spanish Basque Battalion, already blamed for five murders in the Spanish Basque country this year in revenge for ETA killings, had warned it would take reprisals if the separatists went ahead with their bombing campaign.

Sgt. Doe urged to free predecessor's son

MONROVIA, Liberia, June 27 (AP) — Four African presidents were expected to come to Liberia Friday to compel the military regime of Master Sgt. Samuel Doe to hand over its public enemy No. 1, arrested in a raid on the French embassy two weeks ago.

The visit was originally scheduled for Thursday and then cancelled. The prisoner is Mr. A. Benedict Tolbert, eldest son of former Liberian President William Tolbert, who was assassinated in Sgt. Doe's April 12 army coup. He is married to the adopted daughter of the Ivory Coast's influential President Felix Houphouet-Boigny.

Mr. Tolbert sought asylum in the French embassy and remained in hiding there for two months while the military regime organised a nationwide hunt-and-cry

over what it called "the most dangerous enemy of the Liberian revolution."

Mr. Tolbert's arrest led to a crisis between Liberia and France and caused Mr. Houphouet-Boigny to demand Sgt. Doe's exclusion from the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

At a meeting in the Ivory Coast earlier this month, Sgt. Doe told Mr. Houphouet-Boigny and the presidents of Togo and Guinea that he was prepared to release Mr. Tolbert and restore friendly relations with France in return for full recognition of his regime by the African leaders.

Mr. Houphouet-Boigny and a delegation of African presidents cancelled a visit to Monrovia Thursday at which Mr. Tolbert was to be handed over to them to be escorted out of the country.

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6 shot dead as El Salvador strike ends

SAN SALVADOR, June 27 (Agencies) — Army patrols shot dead at least six people yesterday in two clashes with leftists, police said, as El Salvador's shops, factories and offices reopened after a 48-hour general strike.

Witnesses said at least two persons also were wounded when authorities backed by tanks and

helicopters rushed the campuses of the University of El Salvador and a nearby high school following a two-hour firefight between leftists and university security officers. The dead included one student in the high school whom three foreign journalists saw lying face-down on the ground while a police officer executed him with a

rifle.

A Red Cross spokesman said the Red Cross was not asked to take any bodies from the scene of the shooting to hospitals or morgues. One Red Cross source said, "Today, there were areas of the university where the military did not permit us to enter. But they did not ask to take out any wounded or dead."

The government said in a statement that "security forces" were fired upon while searching a slum area behind the university and that "troops entered the university in pursuit of the gunmen."

The government also said the military had not taken over the university, but witnesses at sundown saw armed guards posted at the campus entrance, and at least one jeep armed with a .30 calibre machinegun inside.

The university is autonomous and authorities had not entered its grounds for eight years. The campus has long been a hideout for leftists seeking to topple the government, and there have been several gunbattles between police and leftists just off campus in recent months.

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Soviet bomber down near Japanese coast

TOKYO, June 27 (R) — A Soviet reconnaissance-bomber aircraft crashed into the Sea of Japan and the bodies of two airmen were recovered by a passing Japanese naval ship, the defence agency here said.

The aircraft, identified as a TU-16, codenamed "Badger" by NATO, crashed outside Japanese airspace about 65 miles north of Sado Island and off the Japanese mainland.

The agency said the Badger, a twin-jet medium-range aircraft with cantilever wings, was one of two flying south from the Soviet far eastern region and believed to be on a mission to test Japanese defence systems.

Four Japanese Air Force Phantom jets were scrambled after the two aircraft were sighted, but the agency said the jets had not taken any hostile action.

Immediately after the crash, the other TU-16 turned north and headed for Soviet territory while three Japanese coast guard vessels backed by at least six aircraft and three helicopters rushed to the scene.

The agency said the Badger plunged into the sea while circling over a Japanese naval transport

and landing ship, the *Nemuro*, which picked up the two bodies.

The defence agency said Badgers normally had a crew of between five and nine people, but it was unable to identify immediately the type of the Badger which crashed.

It said there were at least seven types of TU-16s, some packed with electronic spying equipment and others carrying AS-6 air-to-surface missiles, which could be equipped with either nuclear or conventional warheads, as well as other arms.

Several Badgers have been sighted off Japan, but outside its 12-mile airspace, in recent months.

However, since last year's border conflict between Vietnam and China many TU-95 Soviet "Bear" spyplanes have been sighted off the archipelago, apparently heading for bases near Hanoi, the defence